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SUBJECT: SWEDISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONGRESS

1. THE TRIENNIAL PARTY CONGRESS OF THE SWEDISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OPENS IN STOCKHOLM SEPTEMBER 27. IN ADDITION TO THE 250 DELEGATES FROM SWEDEN, REPRESENTATIVES OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD WILL ALSO ATTEND THE WEEK LONG MEETING. WHILE THE LIST OF FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS IS NOT FINAL, THE FOLLOWING SOCIALIST LEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND: MARIO SOARES FROM PORTUGAL, WEST GERMAN PARTY CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT AND VICE CHAIRMAN WISCHNEWSKI, PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI AND PARTY CHAIRMAN STEEN FROM NORWAY, PARTY SECRETARY ULF SUNDQVIST AND (POSSIBLY) PARTY CHAIRMAN KALEVI SORAA FROM FINLAND, FELIPE GONZALES FROM THE SPANISH PARTY, KJELL OLESSEN FROM DENMARK

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AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTY EDA.

JOHN OTO AND OLIVER TAMBO, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" SWAPO AND ANC, ARE ALSO SCHEDULED TO ATTEND.

2. AT THE LAST PARTY CONGRESS, IN OCTOBER 1972, THE PARTY LEADERSHIP WAS TAKEN UNAWARES BY THE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT IT WAS THE INTENT OF THE PARTY THAT NO NEW ADVANCED AIRCRAFT BE DEVELOPED AS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE VIGGEN 37, ONCE ITS PRODUCTION IS ENDED IN 1985. ALTHOUGH THE SAME RESOLUTION WILL BE OFFERED AGAIN BY ITS ORIGINATOR, MAJ-BRITT THEORIN, PARTY OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE REPORT PREPARED BY THE PARTY'S DEFENSE COMMITTEE, REJECTING MRS. THEORIN'S RESOLUTION, WILL BE ADOPTED. SECRETARY OF STATE ANDERS THUNBORG, CHAIRMAN OF BOTH THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION AND THE PARTY'S DEFENSE COMMITTEE, HAS INFORMED US THAT PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS OF DELEGATE SENTIMENT INDICATE A CLEAR MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE REPORT.

3. FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO GENERATE MUCH CONTROVERSY. HOWEVER, THE PARTY LEADERSHIP IS CONCERNED THAT SOME OF THE DELEGATES MAY LAUNCH AN ATTACK AGAINST FINANCE MINISTER GUNNAR STRANG FOR NOT ADVOCATING TAX REFORM. STRANG, ALONG WITH SOME OTHER PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE PARTY, HAS BEEN UNDER PRESS ATTACK IN RECENT WEEKS FOR THE SMALL TAX HE PAID ON HIS OWN INCOME DUE TO SIZEABLE DEDUCTIONS PERMITTED UNDER THE LAW, AND HIS FAILURE TO ESPOUSE EARLY TAX REFORM MAY BE LINKED WITH PERSONAL CRITICISM OF THE HANDLING OF HIS OWN TAX QUESTIONS. THE PARTY LEADERSHIP'S POSITION IS THAT THREE COMMITTEES IN PARLIAMENT ARE NOW STUDYING REVISION OF THE TAX LAW, AND THAT NO CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE UNTIL THEIR REPORTS ARE COMPLETED. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS WILL NOT BE UNTIL EARLY 1977, SOME DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED TO DEMAND IMMEDIATE REFORM.

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